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Claims 1-9 and 11-18 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of US Patent No. 6,093,867 in view of Johnson et al. (5,730,859) and/or Fusco et al. (5,665,949) and Anderson et al. (4,927,526).

Claims 10 and 19 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of US Patent No. 6,093,867 in view of Johnson et al. (5,730,859) and Fusco et al. (5,665,949) in further view of Fenske et al. (3,893,905).

Claims 1-9 and 11-18 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of US Patent 6,258,990 in view of Johnson et al. (5,730,859) and/or Fusco et al. (5,665,949) and Dean et al. (Re. 33,728).

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In order to advance prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c) to overcome these rejections. Applicant hereby disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent issued on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory terms of prior US Patent No. 6,069,287, US Patent No. 6,093,867, US Patent No. 6,258,990, and US Patent No. 6,118,035. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the obviousness-type double patenting rejections and indicate allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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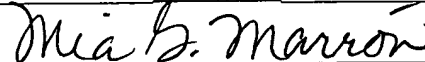
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